

MINUTES
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
600 West Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

August 20, 2009

9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Kuhlke, Jr., Chairman
Rudy Bowen, Vice Chairman
Robert L. Brown, Jr.
Johnny Floyd
Sam Wellborn
Emory McClinton
Brandon Beach
David Doss
Dana Lemon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Roy Herrington
Sidney Ross
Bobby Parham

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Vance Smith
Steve Henry, COO
Gerald Ross, Deputy Commissioner/Chief Engineer
Elizabeth Osmon
Kate Pfirman
Earl Mahfuz

Chairman Bill Kuhlke opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Rudy Bowen gave the invocation.

Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 2009 meetings. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 2009 meetings, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.*

Genetha Singleton, Assistant Director of Preconstruction, presented the projects proposed for the September 2009 Letting for approval. Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the August 2009 Letting, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.*

Todd Long, Director of Planning & Data, presented the proposed revisions to the Construction Work Program for August 2009 for approval. Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve the proposed revisions to Construction Work Program for August 2009. Dana Lemon made a motion to approve the proposed revisions to the Construction Work Program for August 2009, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.

Todd Long also presented the proposed revisions to the Construction Work Program for September 2009.*

Meg Pirkle, Assistant Chief Engineer, gave an update on the Federal Economic Stimulus Package, which included GDOT ARRA accomplishments to date; TIGER grant applications; Phase 2 transit and Phase 2 highways.* There was some discussion regarding the stimulus program. Dana Lemon requested that GDOT staff send an update on the stimulus package to legislators. Emory McClinton requested that request for rail is added to the TIGER grant application list. Chairman Kuhlke requested that a list of all stimulus projects be sent to Board members, including Phase 1 and Phase 2 by congressional districts.

Matt Cline, Deputy General Counsel, gave a legal update, which included civil actions, mediations and ante-litem notices.

Commissioner Vance Smith gave his monthly report, which included state fund collections; total employment figure ending July 31, 2009; major projects open to traffic; ARRA 2009 stimulus activities and 511 two-year anniversary.* There was some discussion regarding surplus right-of-way. Brandon Beach requested that staff send updated information regarding surplus right-of-way to Board members.

Commissioner Vance Smith also requested that the Board approve the following comprehensive zoning resolution. Johnny Floyd made a motion to approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution, seconded by Emory McClinton and unanimously approved.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on November, 18, 1971 adopt a policy on outdoor advertising; and

WHEREAS, said policy adopted by the State Transportation Board contained a Schedule "A" pertaining to cities and counties in Georgia which maintained comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, that State Transportation Board has directed its staff to make necessary recommendations in order that Schedule "A" of the said Outdoor Advertising Policy may be kept current with changing conditions in cities and counties regarding comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on December, 18, 1975, adopt a resolution that said that the Board would review all comprehensive zoning plans submitted for initial approval, to ascertain and determine if said zoning plans can be certified for purposes of outdoor advertising consistent with the State and Federal Law or the Federal/State Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has determined that the following recommendation is appropriate regarding comprehensive zoning plans:

<u>CITY/COUNTY</u>	<u>COMPREHENSIVE ZONING</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
City of Savannah	Amend Comprehensive Zoning Plan	Approve
City of Dawsonville	Comprehensive Zoning Plan	Approve

NOW, THEREFORE, be resolved that the State Transportation Board, in regular session this date does hereby amend Schedule "A" of the Department of Transportation Outdoor Advertising Policy by including the above recommendations.

Resolved this 20th day of August, 2009.

David Doss gave a report from the P3 Committee. David Doss stated that Earl Mahfuz, Assistant Treasurer, gave an update on Public Private Partnerships (P3), which included current P3 activities. David Doss stated that a steering committee meets every two weeks and have conference calls every Tuesday to discuss P3 activities. David Doss also stated that the Department will be moving forward with solicitation for P3 parallel with the legislature approving rules for P3.

Rudy Bowen gave a report from the Administrative Committee. Rudy Bowen stated that Steve Henry, COO, gave a presentation on the LOGO Program. Rudy Bowen stated that the current contract for the LOGO program expires June 30, 2010, and staff presented recommendations for a new contract.* Rudy Bowen also stated that Steve Henry gave a presentation on Succession Planning for the Department that will start in a couple of months, which will consist of a steering committee to select participants for the program.

Rudy Bowen gave a report from the Finance Committee. Rudy Bowen stated that Kate Pfirman, Treasurer, gave an update on the right-of-way de-authorization program. Kate Pfirman stated that there was \$30 million in right-of-way de-authorizations this month, which brings the total to approximately \$190 million since the de-authorization project began.

Rudy Bowen also stated that Kate Pfirman gave an update on the FY 2009 Budget, which is unaudited. Rudy Bowen stated that Kate Pfirman reported that the Department ended the year with a balanced budget, which included an estimated surplus of \$577 million. Rudy Bowen stated that Kate Pfirman also gave an update on the Amended FY 2010 Budget and FY 2011 Budget.* Sam Wellborn

recommended that staff include \$1.7 million in the FY 2010 for the Willacoochee bridge project and \$1.2 million for three rail rehab projects in the FY 2011 budget.

Brandon Beach gave a report from the Legislative Committee. Brandon Beach stated that Commissioner Vance Smith presented the legislative agenda for the 2010 Legislative Session. Commissioner Smith stated that funding is the number one issue and the Department should carry the torch for transportation funding in Georgia. Commissioner Smith also recommended continuing relationships with the Georgia Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to adjourn. Johnny Floyd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Emory McClinton and unanimously approved.

Approved:



Bill Kuhlke, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:



Elizabeth Osmon, Board Secretary

***Denotes documentation in file.**